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A GREAT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Greater Honolulu—Honolulu United!

Such is the splendid spirit of cooperation, of ambition and aggressive civic effort fired by the plans of the special committee of businessmen who are proposing the "Greater Honolulu Chamber of Commerce."

The Star-Bulletin has seen the plan of organization but a short time and is not yet prepared to discuss the scheme in detail. With the general features of this plan this paper agrees most heartily. There is room here for every branch of civic, commercial, charitable, industrial and social effort. In this plan there is breadth of view; there is vision!

One feature, it seems, is perhaps rather too restrictive, and this is the provision for membership. Under the plan as set forth in the by-laws, an applicant for membership, after having passed the scrutiny of the membership committee, has still to run the gauntlet of the board of directors, and three negative votes in this board defeat his membership. He cannot then be pre-

posed for at least twelve months. It is quite possible that an applicant of very desirable qualities could be rejected by the votes of three men personally opposed to him. So long as the membership committee canvasses an applicant carefully before reporting, there is room for doubt as to whether three members of the board should have the arbitrary power thus given them.

The general plan is exceedingly broad in scope and popular in character. Membership fees are low and requisites for membership are easy. A chamber organized under this plan ought to be very large and representative.

The benefits to be derived from such an organization would be tremendous. Not the least could be that of doing away with the present multiplicity of societies, clubs and semi-public bodies of all kinds whose insistent demands for funds are a constant burden to the community and whose work is handled with comparatively little regard for any general and efficient scheme of getting the best results out of public welfare movements.

OLD WORDS FOR NEW

That history repeats itself in freak ideas as well as in other things is illustrated in an article going the rounds of the press over the world, which originally appeared in the New York Herald and which describes "a scheme to make Siberia a summer resort, start for famines in Labrador, give Scotland an all-day summer with a temperature like Japan's, change the climate of the Atlantic coast to one like that of southern California, and melt all the ice on and around the North pole and open it to gardening."

C. L. Riker, "a distinguished engineer" of Brooklyn, is credited with the authorship of the scheme. According to the account he estimates that it would cost about \$200,000,000, and "all that is needed is to build a jetty about 200 miles long across the shoals extending eastward from Newfoundland, near Cape Race." The results of this work are described in part as follows:

This would stop the Labrador current, whose cold is capable of making 2,000,000 tons of ice every second, from running right into the Gulf stream, whose heat is equal to the burning of 2,000,000 tons of coal every minute. They meet now on the Grand bank, where the water is only about 250 feet deep.

If such a jetty were built the Labrador current, coming down from the Arctic, would be turned eastward and would be sunk so far when the Gulf stream met it that the latter warm, blue river of the ocean would pass over the great cold river from the North pole.

The warm Gulf stream would continue in almost undiminished volume to the northward, and the Labrador current would run a mile deep through the great depths of the Atlantic, making the torrid zone about the equator cooler, while the Gulf stream would require only three months to melt every inch of ice around the Pole.

No more icebergs in the tracks of steamship lines, no more such fogs as now prevail about the meeting of the cold and warm currents, storms reduced to a minimum, and the whole of eastern North America a garden of paradise with no great cold or heat, are some of the results Mr. Riker foresees from building the jetty. Cape Hatteras, he believes, would disappear owing to the increased speed of the Gulf stream, which he estimates would flow closer to the Jersey coast and incidentally re-deposit along the coast about 6,000,000 acres of land.

The melting of the Arctic ice cap, he estimates, would shift the equatorial balance of the globe, and the then preponderating weight of the Antarctic ice cap would make what is now the North pole shift toward northern Europe, with the result of producing a nightless summer in the area of Scotland without a dayless winter.

An idea of similar kind was exploited many years ago, when it was proposed to dam the narrow Belle Isle strait between Newfoundland and Labrador. This, it was suggested, would stop the Arctic current from entering the gulf of St. Lawrence, with the result of adding two or three months to the summer of the lower provinces and the New England states, if not actually converting those regions into sub-tropical countries. The Gulf stream was going to do the rest, after the polar current was shut off, just the same as in Riker's scheme.

GOVERNOR OSBORN ON THE DRINK EVIL

Governor Chase S. Osborn, the fighting executive of Michigan, declares that the Republican party is sick. He asserts that it must do things as it did in its "stout young manhood."

One of the things that the vigorous Michigander urges the Republican party to do is to take up the temperance question. Here is what this governor has to say about the drink evil:

"The greatest curse in our nation is commercialized alcohol. I am neither a total abstainer

or a Prohibitionist, but I cannot close my eyes to the facts obtained through every channel of social survey that ninety per cent of crime, degeneracy, disease and pauperism is caused by the sale and immoderate use of alcohol. It is the greatest peril, but so huge is its influence and so ramified its tentacles that not one great party or great leader has dared to grapple with it.

"If the Republican party is seeking a worthy task let it undertake this one and follow it courageously, tolerantly, rationally and persistently. It need not advocate prohibition, but it would have to destroy the saloons and replace them with sufficient municipal clubs or substitutes of that character where pure liquors and beers made in distilleries and breweries supervised by the government could be sold in temperate quantities at cost. Liquor always will be used in some homes, clubs and hotels, to which there may be no objection."

ENTRIES TALK

Director-general Charles F. Chillingworth of the 1913 Floral Parade, makes an excellent suggestion for the participation of floats in the big procession. He says: "I would like to make a suggestion to the Kiloheana club and other organizations, and it is that they enter not one but half a dozen autos or floats and compete among their own membership for their own prizes. As far as autos are concerned, the parade management has cut out official prizes this year. There are a dozen local clubs and societies which could put up their own prizes, to be competed for by members. They could get together and put in half a dozen floats. Most of their members happen to be people who during the coming year will derive direct personal benefit from the parade."

There is sound logic and hard sense in this. As a matter of fact, there ought to be double the number of floats entered and five times the number of autos. If the organizations of the city are sincere in their protestations of support for the annual carnival, they can show it in a concrete way by putting entries in the parade. Entries talk, at this stage of the game.

L. S. Connors has certainly succeeded in lining up strong support for his Hilo street-railway plans. When Connors tackled the job of getting a franchise from the last legislature, there were smiles and laughter on the part of the knowing ones of the territory. When the legislature approved a franchise and he went to Washington, there were more smiles and laughter. When he came back from Washington with the approval of Congress, the laughter began to disappear, but the smiles of doubt and incredulity remained. Now that he is ready to incorporate, with the backing of a number of Hilo's best men, who are used to handling hard coin of the realm, there will be more smiles. Truly, the way of the promoter is hard. But in the phrase of the day, Hawaii has to "hand it to" Connors for carrying his proposition thus far. Good luck for the rest of the way!

Delegate Kuhio evidently reserves the right to change his mind about Frear's confirmation.

Wyoming is getting jealous of the Balkans.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

JAMES DUNCAN—Have you noticed that the mornings seem to get darker instead of lighter as the day is supposed to lengthen? Don't you forget it, the Democrats have something to do with that!

WILLIAM MANN—It was announced that the box office would be open at 9 o'clock this morning for the sale of seats for "Old Hawaii." At that hour forty people were on hand to obtain tickets, but they were kept waiting until 9:45 while tickets were dealt out five, ten and twenty at a time to one man, and when he was served the process was repeated in favor of a messenger service agent before the general public was given a looking-in. All this time women among the rest were compelled to stand, the Promotion Committee rooms not being provided with seats for such a number. There is something wrong when the public has to put up with such treatment.

CAPT. ALLMAN

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coast. He was formerly in command of the U. S. S. Albatross and later passed through Honolulu as chief officer in the Manchuria.

Captain Allman resents the published statement that he has promised the Federal authorities all possible aid in their efforts to get at the bottom of the recent smuggling aboard the China. Result of Disagreement.

Discussing the situation he said: "My resignation simply grows out of a disagreement with the officials of the Pacific Mail Company," he said. "I don't care to say anything more than that, except that I will never know-how to anybody for a job. I have never had to know-how to anybody for a job in all my life, and before I would do anything like that I would shovel mud in the streets."

When opium was smuggled aboard the ship I had to "fire" some subordinate to hold on to my job, and I don't care to do anything like that. I am going into a different business. I don't care to say what it is, but I may bring a ship out from New York."

"I have nothing against the Pacific Mail Company. The company has always treated me white, and I don't want them to think that now that I am no longer in their employ I'm going out of my way to talk about things pertaining to their business."

"I have not undertaken to give the Federal authorities any information at all. But I don't know anything more about this opium traffic than the Federal people themselves. I gave everything I knew to United States District Attorney McNab months ago, and I can't tell them anything more than they already know."

Smuggling Operations. "The idea of asking a captain of a ship to throw light on smuggling operations is absurd. Don't you know that the Federal people themselves have been mixed up in opium smuggling? You know all about that, don't you?"

"There's a million and one ways of getting opium aboard a ship, and a million and one ways of getting it ashore. They know all about that. In Hongkong, where we have several hundred Chinese loading and unloading cargo in seven different parts of the ship with a substitute crew aboard painting and sealing the ship and making repairs in all parts of the vessel, how do I know what happens when I am asleep?"

"The captain is made responsible for a 'carpet-bagger Congress' from the interior, and they may even attempt to fine me in this case. But how are they going to collect it? Do they think me a millionaire?"

The Government's examination into the alleged attempt upon the lives of Customs Agent John W. Smith and Customs Inspector E. E. Enlow while they were searching a water tank of the Pacific Mail liner China for opium has been concluded and although the Federal officers claim the investigation was a rigorous one, it failed to develop any clue as to just who turned the water into the tank.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALLATION. This evening, Mystic Lodge, K. of P., will publicly install at their Castle hall, corner Fort and Beretania streets, the following officers for the ensuing term:

Chancellor commander, H. A. Giles; vice chancellor, F. Davis; prelate, E. W. Bull; master of work, Wm. Gill; keeper of records and seal, A. B. Angus; master of finance, C. J. Hummel; master of exchequer, J. F. C. Abel; master at arms, A. Anderson; inner guard, B. S. Nott; outer guard, Thos. Foley; trustee, J. M. McChesney. All brother Knights and Pythian Sisters and their friends are cordially invited to be present.

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PERSONALITIES

E. E. PAXTON, secretary of the Alexander & Baldwin Company's sugar interests in Hawaii, is at the Bellevue—San Francisco Examiner.

WALTER DILLINGHAM, of Honolulu has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Driscoll at their home in the Howard hills—San Francisco Call.

MR. AND MRS. A. G. HAUKE were arrivals from Salt Lake City. They will see the island sights and then continue their journey to the Far East.

MR. AND MRS. C. A. BROWN, with Mrs. Brown's mother, Mrs. S. J. Stone, are registered at the Young. They plan to spend the winter here. Their home is in Lowell, Mass.

LAND COMMISSIONER JOSHUA TUCKER intends going to Ito Wednesday to investigate the nature of the objections recently raised there with regard to the Waialea tract which has been released to the territory by the mill company and which is to be opened for settlement to help Hilo grow.

MRS. GEORGE NELLIS left today for Los Angeles having changed the date of her sailing for the Hawaiian islands to January 27 when she will be accompanied by Mrs. S. E. Abramson of Los Angeles, but formerly of Alameda. Mrs. Nellis will be in the south for two weeks returning in time to make her final preparations for the three months visit in the islands. Mr. Nellis left on Saturday for his annual tour of the eastern states—Alameda Call Times.

MRS. G. W. WARRINER is visiting friends in this city for a few days, preparatory to leaving for Honolulu to join her husband, who is stationed there in the U. S. lighthouse service. Mrs. Warriner was prevented from accompanying the Captain when he left for the island some months ago by the serious illness of her mother in Portland. Since the latter's recovery she has been visiting relatives and friends at Cascade Locks for a few weeks—Astoria, Ore., Budget.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES BALDWIN, who arrived here from their home in Colorado Springs yesterday, will sail on the Siberia today for Honolulu and the orient. Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin are contemplating a world tour before returning to their home in Colorado. This decision on their part will be regretted by a wide circle of friends here and in the bay cities who have been planning a variety of entertainments with which to welcome the former belle home. Mrs. Baldwin was formerly Miss Ella Hobart, a sister of Walter Hobart of San Francisco.

MAUI LIBRARY HAS FINE YEAR

Annual Meeting of Association Held at Wailuku Last Monday

(Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence)

WAILUKU, Maui, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the Maui Library Association was held at the library rooms in Wailuku last Monday evening. Reports from the various officers and committees were read, which showed a total membership in the library for the first year of eighty-four, that the library had an accession by gift and purchase in one year of 1,152 volumes, 420 of which are fiction, 217 on religion, ethics and sociology, 185 on history, travel and biography and 177 juvenile. The receipts for the year, all of which came from membership dues and fines, amounted to \$231.70. The expenses, the larger portion of which were for new books, amounted to \$141.98, leaving a cash balance of \$89.72 with which to start the new year. The members present at the annual meeting expressed themselves as very much pleased with the results of the work of the library for the first year. The prospects for the coming year are even brighter than the members dared to hope for at the beginning of the venture of a library for Maui.

Trustees elected last Monday for three years are as follows: Judge S. B. Kingsbury, Capt. W. E. Bal, E. J. Walker, C. E. Copeland, and Rev. R. B. Dodge. Judge Kingsbury was elected president, D. H. Case, vice-president; R. B. Dodge, secretary; and D. C. Lindsay, treasurer. E. K. Bevins was elected in place of Dr. John Weddick, who died before his term of trusteeship expired.

The following committees for the year were elected by the trustees: Administration—D. C. Lindsay, D. H. Case, Wm. Seary. Auditing—C. E. Copeland, E. J. Walker, Chas. E. Willcox. Book—R. B. Dodge, Mesdames Wm. Seary, F. F. Baldwin, H. B. Penhallow, W. S. Nicholl.

A few amendments to the by-laws were made, the most important of

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which was an increase to 85 per cent of the receipts to be expended for books without authorization by the administration committee, the making of the president of the association ex-officio of all committees, and the addition to the rules of rule 9, which reads as follows: "Members of the library have the privilege of selecting for purchase one or more books each year, provided the cost of the same comes within the amount of their dues. The library, through the librarian, secretary and chairman of the library book committee shall purchase the books in the order named as their first, second and third choice of

members, who submit lists of books, unless the choice of books is otherwise indicated. This rule shall apply to lists of books sent in during 1912 and thereafter."

It was voted to authorize Mrs. Louise Chisholm Jones, the librarian, during the absence of Mrs. Gossin, to give under the auspices of the library association an operetta, "Little Red Riding Hood", and that all children taking part in the play should be given two years' free juvenile membership.

Franklin K. Lane of California has been elected chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

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